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### U.S. July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100.0 million head, 1 percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2010.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2011 and the changes from July 1, 2010, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.2 million, down 5 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.2 million, up 4 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.6 million, down 2 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.0 million, down 5 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 27.2 million, down 1 percent.

- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.2 million, up 3 percent.

The 2011 calf crop is expected to be 35.5 million, down 1 percent from 2010. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down slightly from 2010.

### June Red Meat Production

Montana slaughter plants produced 1.4 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during June 2011, down 14 percent from June 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,800 head, 300 head below one year ago. The average live weight, at 1,159 pounds, decreased 1 pound from last year.

During June there were 1,200 hogs slaughtered, up 100 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 238 pounds, was down 8 pounds from last year. June sheep slaughter in the state totaled 200 head, down 100 head from June 2010. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 90 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.22 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.18 billion pounds produced in June 2010.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the

previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 2 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 4 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,500 head, up 6 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.94 million head, down 1 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from June 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,400 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2011 commercial red meat production was 24.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

## June 2011 Ag Prices Received

June full month crop prices were overall higher when compared with May 2011. Montana's winter wheat price was \$7.16 per bushel, down \$0.16 from the previous month; spring wheat was up \$0.53 to \$8.76 per bushel, and durum wheat was up \$0.50 to \$9.06 per bushel. Feed barley prices increased \$0.15 from the previous month to \$4.62 per bushel and malt barley was up \$0.45 to \$4.57 per bushel.

The mid-July price for alfalfa hay rose \$3.00 to \$97.00 per ton and all other hay was up \$9.00 to \$94.00 per ton. Mid-July grain prices were mixed with winter wheat at \$6.78 per bushel, spring wheat was \$7.87 per bushel, durum wheat was \$12.20 per bushel, malt barley was \$5.64 per bushel, and feed barley was \$4.61 per bushel.

The all milk price was \$21.70 per cwt in mid-July 2011, compared with

\$20.30 per cwt in June and \$16.20 per cwt for June 2010.

Nationally, prices for June and changes from May were as follows: winter wheat was \$7.13 per bushel, down \$0.67, spring wheat was \$9.26 per bushel, up \$0.41, durum wheat was \$8.97 per bushel, up \$1.11, all barley was up \$0.51 to \$4.66 per bushel, steers and heifers were \$110.00 per cwt, down \$5.00, cows were \$75.90 per cwt down \$2.30, beef cattle were \$107.00 down \$5.00 per cwt, calves were \$133.00 per cwt, down \$4.00, sheep were \$50.80 per cwt, down \$4.60, lambs were \$189.00 per cwt, up \$8.00, and all milk was \$21.20 per cwt, up \$1.60.

The U.S. mid-July winter wheat price was \$6.98 per bushel, spring wheat was \$8.46 per bushel, durum wheat was \$12.70 per bushel, malt barley was \$5.01 per bushel, feed barley was \$5.11 per bushel, oats were \$3.60 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$189.00 per

ton, and other hay was \$119.00 per ton. Steers and heifers were \$115.00 per cwt, cows were \$74.40 per cwt, beef cattle were \$112.00 per cwt, calves were \$142.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$22.10.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from June. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.5 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, milk, cantaloupes, and corn and lower prices for broilers, wheat, broccoli, and carrots. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grain sorghum, hay, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, potatoes, cantaloupes, and strawberries.

## Montana Average Farm Prices Received

Commodity	UNIT	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		June 2010	May 2011	June 2011	June 2011	May 2011	June 2010	15-July-11	15-July-11
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	4.29	7.32	7.16	7.13	-0.16	+2.87	6.78	6.98
Durum Wheat	Bu	4.29	8.56	9.06	8.97	+0.50	+4.77	12.20	12.70
Spring Wheat	Bu	5.40	8.23	8.76	9.26	+0.53	+3.36	7.87	8.46
All Wheat	Bu	4.73	7.86	8.20	7.40	+0.34	+3.47	7.74	7.18
All Barley	Bu	4.28	4.17	4.58	4.66	+0.41	+0.30	5.46	5.04
Feed Barley	Bu	2.37	4.47	4.62	4.75	+0.15	+2.25	4.61	5.11
Malt Barley	Bu	4.50	4.12	4.57	4.61	+0.45	+0.07	5.64	5.01
Oats	Bu	na	na	3.04	3.41	na	na	na	3.60
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	89.00	85.00	94.00	180.00	+9.00	+5.00	97.00	189.00
All Other Hay	Ton	100.00	80.00	85.00	113.00	+5.00	-15.00	94.00	119.00
All Hay Baled	Ton	90.00	84.00	93.00	163.00	+9.00	+3.00	97.00	170.00
All Milk		16.20	20.20	20.30	21.20	+0.10	+4.10	21.70	22.10

1/ Composite of steers, heifers, and cows. na-not available.

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